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Campbell's bill permanently prevents the creation of new state and local taxes on internet access or use, and it bans taxes that discriminate against internet commerce. The existing moratorium on these taxes was created in 1998 as part of the Internet Tax Freedom Act, but this moratorium is set to expire at the end of this year. Campbell's bill will ensure this important tax ban becomes permanent.

"The ban on new internet taxes has been an important factor in its growth. If we make this ban permanent we will ensure that this growth continues without harmful interference by the government," concluded Campbell.

Campbell has advocated tax freedom for internet usage. He first introduced the Internet Consumer Protection Act in the 109th Congress, and he introduced similar legislation as a member of the California legislature.

Campbell's legislation was introduced with 25 original cosponsors.